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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see Response, filed August 11, 2005, with respect to Restriction Requirement have been fully considered and are persuasive. The restriction of claims 14-44 has been withdrawn. All of the claims, 1-57, are now pending and have been considered.

Allowable Subject Matter

- 2. Claims 1-57 are allowed.
- 3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: U.S. Patent Number 5,768,119 to Havekost et al. teach an integrated alarm display in a process control network. The prior art of record does not teach a system that detects or uses the configuration state of the field device that is within a non-normal operating configuration state. The prior art of record also does not teach a system that inhibits the use of a signal from field device based on the determined configuration state of the field device.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edward Raymond whose telephone number is 571-272-

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2221. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through alternating Friday between 8:00 AM and 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marc Hoff can be reached on 571-272-2216. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 571-273-2221 for regular communications and 571-272-1562 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1782.

September 14, 2005

Edward Raymond Patent Examiner

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